

# 2015 Nevada FFA State Officer Candidate Hot Topics

## Stand and Deliver and Composition Activity Hot Topics:

One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Stand and Deliver practicum. Each candidate will be expected to present an extemporaneous speech on a category relevant to FFA, agriculture, or the American education system. A separate topic will be chosen by the State Staff to be used in the Composition Practicum. All candidates will complete a written essay on a topic relevant to agriculture, FFA or the American education system. The purpose of the essay is focused on student's ability to convey knowledge and understanding in a different way than allowed through multiple choice questions. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

### FFA Related:

- FFA Beyond High School
- Promoting Active Membership in an Affiliated State
- Awareness of Proficiency and STAR Awards in Nevada – Improving the Quality of Applicants

### Agricultural Education Topics:

- College and Career Readiness
- Cultivating an Agricultural Education Community in Nevada (Grades 9-16)
- Combining Rural and Urban Agriculture in the Classroom

### Agriculture Topics:

- The Role of Agriculture in the Climate Change Debate
- The Rising Cost of Food
- The Relevance of Rural America

## Facilitation Hot Topics:

The purpose of this round is to evaluate the candidate's ability to plan and facilitate a 5 to 10-minute portion of a student workshop in front of a realistic audience. Candidates will be given a set of key points about a topic chosen by the nominating committee. It will be the candidate's responsibility to use the materials provided for them to plan, craft and implement appropriate methods for engaging the audience and addressing the key points. One topic from the list below will be chosen by the Nominating Committee to be used for the Facilitation practicum. Each topic additionally has a title of the workshop that will be presented. The candidate will not know the specific audience or situation until they enter the preparation room. Candidates are expected to have a firm grasp of each topic and be prepared to present on each of them.

- Diversification in Agricultural Production – “We’re All on the Same Team”
- Premier Leadership – “Leadership = Service”
- Personal Growth – “Quality Over Quantity”
- Career Success – “Are You on the Right Path?”
- Experiential Learning – “The Agricultural Education Experience”